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## **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the closest prior art of record is Minghetti. The claims distinguish over Minghetti in that Minghetti fails to teach or suggest that the claimed thermoplastic matrix comprises a mixture of polyalkylmethyacrylate and a multi-stage sequentially produced polymer containing an elastomeric stage. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cephia D. Toomer whose telephone number is 571-272-1126. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on 571-272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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